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GRUSY

Family Record

1760 - 1956

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DESCENDENTS OF
JOHN GRUSY I

One generation passeth away and another generation
cometh.—Eccl. 1-4.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and
shall declare thy mighty acts.—Psa. 145-4.

YESTERDAY—TODAY—FOREVER

Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same;
All may change! but Jesus never! Glory to His Name;
Glory to His Name! All may change but Jesus Never!
Glory to His Name.

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GOD OF OUR FATHERS

Daniel C. Roberts

George W. Warren

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.
3. From wars alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way,
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

PREFACE

The object of this family record is to find out more about our fathers and mothers of the past generations, also for those of the present day, to become better acquainted with one another, and then for those of future generations.

This data has been gathered from many and varied sources over a considerable period of time. Much has been gotten by correspondence, some off of tombstones, and a large amount from personal visits by the author. Some of the past records of many families are few and incomplete, in a few instances the dates of births and deaths are missing because no one was able to supply them.

Had this record been started a generation or two sooner a more complete account of this family could have been written. We were quite fortunate in securing much valuable information from Dr. Henry Grusy in Villingen, Germany, who spent much time in tracing our ancestors back to the year of about 1760, but due to the wars, many of the records were burned and destroyed. Also, much information was received from the descendents of the Engelbert and John Grusy and the Joe Weichert families.

It has been interesting to note the development of family lines during this long period of time from 1760 to 1956, 196 years and including eight generations. It is the desire of the writer that as the years go by, that some interested individual will continue this record.

Great care has been taken as to the spelling of names, giving correct dates, addresses, occupations and historical data. We find that in closing our research that the record is not perfect, but we have tried to do our best and submit it for your judgment. Do not read the contents of this work in a hurry, and we hope it will prove a blessing and inspiration to all.

We who are now among the living on this earth as different families, let us strive to live true Christian lives so that at the end of our earthly pilgrimage we will all meet in Heaven.

Respectfully,
ALBERT GRUSY.

95.50 - Photo - 2-1-14 Grusy

FIRST GENERATION: JOHN GRUSY I.

JOHN GRUSY, married Katherine Frey, from Ebringen, by Frieberg. During the war many records and books were burned and destroyed, so the exact date of John's birth could not be found, but it is assumed he was born about the year of 1760. Born to this union was one son Joseph.

SECOND GENERATION: JOSEPH GRUSY I

JOSEPH GRUSY, born Jan. 24, 1790, married Barbara Kammerer, born Dec. 4, 1796. Joseph died Mar. 3, 1839, and Barbara died Feb. 7, 1859. Barbara was the daughter of Petrus and Rosina Kist Kammerer. Petrus was born June 18, 1765 and Rosina was born in 1762. Joseph and Barbara had three sons.

THIRD GENERATION:

Joseph Grusy II	1825	1885
Leo Grusy	?	?
Gregory Grusy	1830	1906

THIRD GENERATION: JOSEPH GRUSY II

JOSEPH GRUSY, was born in the year of 1825, died in 1885. The record of his wife was not found. They had one son Leopold.

FOURTH GENERATION: LEOPOLD GRUSY

LEOPOLD GRUSY, was born in 1851, died in 1885, he married Amalia Kopp. Born to this union the following children.

FIFTH GENERATION:

Leopoldine Grusy—married Gottl Braunig from Frankfort.

Paula Grusy—married Franz Schenker.

John Grusy—married Theresia Hirt from Weilersbach. Their children were Maria and Anna.

Maria Grusy.

Leo Grusy

Gustav Grusy.

Wilhelm Grusy—married Frieda Laufer, from Weilersbach. Their children were Alfon, Paula and Frieda.

THIRD GENERATION: LEO GRUSY

LEO GRUSY, married Elizabeth Grieshaber. Born to this union were the following children.

FOURTH GENERATION:

Sister Oliva

Marie Grusy—married A. Duffner from Villingen.

Wilhelmine Grusy—married E. Kunkel from Karlsruhe.

THIRD GENERATION: GREGORY GRUSY

Gregory Grusy, born in the year of 1830, died in 1906, married Marie Rottler. Born to this union were three children:

FOURTH GENERATION:

Engelbert Grusy	Nov. 3, 1854	Mar. 10, 1924
John Grusy	June, 1856	Mar. 11, 1917
Bertha Grusy	Mar. 27, 1859	Nov. 11, 1918

After the death of Maria, his first wife, Gregory married again to Maria Reichman.

THE ENGELBERT GRUSY FAMILY

FOURTH GENERATION: ENGELBERT GRUSY

born in Obereschach, Germany, Nov. 3, 1854, married Franziska Yergler, born in Obereschach, Germany, Feb. 20, 1857. Engelbert served two years in the German Army as Heavy Artilleryman. He was a stone cutter and mason by trade in Germany. They came to the United States in 1880, and farmed around Meadows, Ill., until Mar., 1918, then they retired and moved from their farm north of Meadows, where Norman Grusy now lives, known as the Grusy Homestead, to Gridley, Ill. Engelbert passed away Mar. 10, 1924 and Franziska passed away Apr. 3, 1933.

To this union twelve children were born:

FIFTH GENERATION:

Leo Grusy	Mar. 25, 1878	Apr. 29, 1949
Pius Grusy	1879	1879
Anna Grusy	July 15, 1880	
William Grusy	Mar. 6, 1882	
Mary Grusy	Mar. 21, 1884	
Lena Grusy	Feb. 17, 1886	
Emma Grusy	Apr. 8, 1888	
Bertha Grusy	Mar. 14, 1890	
Albert Grusy	Sept. 13, 1892	
Emil Grusy	Sept. 16, 1895	
John Grusy	Sept. 4, 1898	Dec. 5, 1898
Louise Grusy	Oct. 11, 1899	

THE LEO GRUSY FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: LEO GRUSY

born in Obereschach, Germany, Mar. 25, 1878, married Jacobina Kiefer, at Gridley, Ill., in 1907. She was born Nov. 25, 1877, the daughter of Mickeal and Marguerite Schliefer Kiefer. They farmed around Gridley, Eureka, and Danvers, Ill., until Sept. 1944. They retired and moved to Goodfield, Ill. Lec passed away Apr. 29, 1949. Heart trouble was the cause of his death. To this union seven children were born:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Matilda Grusy	Jan. 15, 1908	Nov. 14, 1910
Aldene Grusy	July 3, 1909	
Edward Grusy	Dec. 26, 1910	
Frieda Grusy	May 19, 1913	
Persida Grusy	May 7, 1915	
Bertha Grusy	May 3, 1917	
Elmer A. Grusy	July 10, 1920	

SIXTH GENERATION: MATILDA GRUSY

Matilda died at the age of 2 years and 10 months. Croup was the cause of her death.

SIXTH GENERATION: ALDENE GRUSY SCHURTER

born July 3, 1909, married on May 9, 1937 to Huldreich Schurter born in Switzerland on May 8, 1902. Huldreich is shop foreman at the Aermoter factory in Chicago. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Kenneth Schurter	July 6, 1938
Ronald Schurter	Feb. 19, 1940
Leon Schurter	June 30, 1945

SIXTH GENERATION: EDWARD E. GRUSY

Born Dec. 26, 1910; married on July 3, 1931 to Dorothy E. Aeschelman, born May 16, 1912. Edward is employed at the Eureka Hatchery as pantry Technician. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Geraldine R. Grusy	Dec. 18, 1931
Wayne E. Grusy	Oct. 25, 1933
Edith M. Grusy	May 10, 1936
Merna L. Grusy	June 12, 1940
Evelyn E. Grusy	June 5, 1943

SEVENTH GENERATION: GERALDINE R. GRUSY FORNEY

Born Dec. 18, 1931; married on May 1, 1955 to Gerry S. Forney, born Jan. 19, 1934. Gerry is a farmer near Cissna Park, Ill. Born to this union are the following children:

EIGHTH GENERATION:

Ronald Allen Forney Aug. 10, 1956

SEVENTH GENERATION: WAYNE E. GRUSY

Born Oct. 25, 1933; married on June 10, 1956 to Joyce A. Armstrong of El Paso, Ill. Joyce was born June 28, 1935. Wayne entered service Apr. 7, 1954, trained at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, and Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia, graduating from Military Police and Provost Marshal school at the latter. Was stationed in the 5th Army Area at Fort Crowder, Mo., where he served on Special Duties until his release Apr. 6, 1956; his rating was Corporal. He is now attending Bradley University, and is also a salesman in Peoria, Ill.

SEVENTH GENERATION: EDITH M. GRUSY PAYNE

Born May 10, 1936; married on Oct. 7, 1956 to Richard L. Payne of Eureka, Ill. Richard was born Sept. 16, 1936. He is employed at the Trimble Trucking Co., Peoria, Ill.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Merna L. Grusy and Evelyn E. Grusy are at present staying at home with their parents.

SIXTH GENERATION: FRIEDA GRUSY

Born May 19, 1913, is a waitress at the Busy Corner restaurant in Goodfield, Ill. She is living at home with her mother.

SIXTH GENERATION: PERSIDA GRUSY WIEGAND

Was born May 7, 1915; married on Nov. 13, 1938, to Henry Wiegand, born July 24, 1914. Henry is an auctioneer, and also is engaged in dairy farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Gary Lee Wiegand	July 24, 1940
Carol Kay Wiegand	Sept. 23, 1943
Gale Edward Wiegand	Jan. 21, 1947
Connie Sue Wiegand	Nov. 13, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: BERTHA GRUSY WINGEIER

Born at Gridley, Ill., May 3, 1917; married Dave Wingeier, born at Lowell, Mich., June 8, 1916. Dave is a farmer and dairyman near Alto, Mich. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Stanford Wingeier	Mar. 21, 1940
Larry Wingeier	Nov. 28, 1942
Sharon Wingeier	Jan. 26, 1950
Bruce Wingeier	Nov. 17, 1954

SIXTH GENERATION: ELMER ARTHUR GRUSY

Born July 10, 1920; married on Aug. 20, 1944, to Minnie Emma Tanner, born Oct. 27, 1917. Elmer's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Leland James Grusy	Dec. 10, 1946	Dec. 12, 1946
Bonnie May Grusy	May 28, 1948	
Vera Jane Grusy	Sept. 17, 1951	
Mardell Ann Grusy	Dec. 10, 1954	

THE ANNA GRUSY STOLLER FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: ANNA GRUSY STOLLER

Born July 15, 1880 in Obereschach, Germany; married on Dec. 21, 1902 to Christian Stoller, born May 29, 1874 in Pulaski, Iowa, he was the son of John and Elizabeth Rinkenberger Stoller. They farmed on their farm near Meadows, Ill., until 1947, then they retired and moved to Gridley, Ill. To this union eleven children were born:

SIXTH GENERATION:

William D. Stoller	Feb. 11, 1904	Feb. 22, 1922
Albert Leo Stoller	Mar. 5, 1905	
Rueben E. Stoller	July 29, 1906	
Cora Stoller	Nov. 30, 1907	
Clarence C. Stoller	Apr. 17, 1909	
Elsie Elizabeth Stoller	Mar. 27, 1911	
Ida Emma Stoller	Sept. 9, 1912	
Verna Bertha Stoller	Apr. 12, 1914	
Erwin Stoller	Feb. 6, 1916	Feb. 17, 1938
Frances Marie Stoller	Mar. 13, 1918	
Eloise Stoller	Feb. 2, 1920	

SIXTH GENERATION: WILLIAM D. STOLLER

Born Feb. 11, 1904 in Gridley, Ill., died Feb. 22, 1922; diabetes was the cause of his death. He worked at home with his parents.

SIXTH GENERATION: ALBERT LEO STOLLER

Born Mar. 5, 1905 in Gridley, Ill.; married Josephine Bollier, Sept. 14, 1933 in Leo, Indiana. Albert is owner and operator of the Stoller Farm Supply Co. in Chenoa, Ill. Albert and Josephine have one daughter, Jacqueline Ann.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Jacqueline Ann Stoller June 22, 1936

SIXTH GENERATION: RUEBEN E. STOLLER

Born July 29, 1906 in Gridley, Ill.; married on Apr. 3, 1932 to Emily Siebental, born Apr. 22, 1912. Rueben is the I.H.C. Implement dealer in Gridley and also is engaged in farming. They have three children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Delores Jean Stoller	Mar. 10, 1933
Arthur R. Stoller	Dec. 4, 1945
Carol J. Stoller	May 20, 1953

SEVENTH GENERATION: DELORES JEAN STOLLER MARTI
Born Mar. 10, 1933; married on Feb. 14, 1954 to Allen Marti, born July 23, 1931. Allen's occupation is farming. Born to this union the following children:

EIGHTH GENERATION:

Donita Jean Marti Nov. 2, 1955

SIXTH GENERATION: CORA STOLLER FREY

Born at Gridley, Ill., Nov. 30, 1907; married on Feb. 20, 1955 to Henry Frey, born at Rankin, Ill., on Feb. 25, 1895. Henry served in the U. S. Army in World War I. He is now farming near Remington, Ind.

SIXTH GENERATION: CLARENCE CHRIS STOLLER

Born Apr. 17, 1909 in Gridley, Ill.; married on Sept. 1, 1946 to Lucile Kaufman, born Feb. 26, 1918 at Cissna Park, Ill. Clarence entered the Armed Forces July 2, 1942 after receiving his basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark., he was sent overseas Dec. 20, 1942, landed in Guadalcanal and he served in the Medics in the South Pacific. From there he was sent to Japan, and was discharged Dec. 1, 1945. He is now an I.H.C. implement dealer in Pontiac, Ill. and also is engaged in farming and auctioneering. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Dixie Lee Stoller	Feb. 16, 1948
Eloise Ann Stoller	Dec. 20, 1950
Clark Bryant Stoller	Oct. 4, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: ELSIE ELIZABETH STOLLER HOHULIN

Born Mar. 27, 1911 in Gridley, Ill.; married on Apr. 21, 1935 to Edwin Hohulin, born Apr. 12, 1910, near Goodfield, Ill. Edwin is salesman for Hohulin Bros. Fence Co. of Goodfield, Ill., of which he is partner in business with his five brothers. Born to this union the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Samuel Edwin Hohulin	Sept. 24, 1936
William Stoller Hohulin	Apr. 12, 1938
James Lee Hohulin	Nov. 22, 1939
Thomas Christian Hohulin	Feb. 25, 1944
LeAnn Ruth Hohulin	Jan. 3, 1950

SIXTH GENERATION: IDA E. STOLLER SCHWENK

Born Sept. 9, 1912 in Gridley, Ill.; married on Nov. 5, 1937, to Herbert L. Schwenk, born Sept. 9, 1910, in Peoria, Ill. Herbert is Supervisor of Printing for the Keystone Steel and Wire Co. in Bartonville, Ill. Born to this union two children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Douglas Lee Schwenk	Mar. 1, 1942
Paula June Schwenk	June 3, 1946

SIXTH GENERATION: VERNA BERTHA STOLLER PUESCHEL

Born Apr. 12, 1914; married in Peoria, Ill., on June 25, 1935, to Raymond J. Pueschel, born Mar. 31, 1911 in Peoria, Ill. Raymond is General Foreman at Caterpillar Tractor Co., Joliet, Ill., in Yards Transportation Reclamation and Steel Stores Division. They live at 1215 Mayfield Ave., Joliet, Ill., and have two daughters:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Donna Lou Pueschel	Dec. 20, 1938
Sandra Kay Pueschel	Jan. 14, 1942

SIXTH GENERATION: ERWIN STOLLER

Born Feb. 6, 1916, died Feb. 17, 1938. His death was caused by a brain tumor. He worked at home on the farm.

SIXTH GENERATION: FRANCES MARIE STOLLER MARTIN

Born Mar. 13, 1918; married in Peoria, Ill., on Aug. 17, 1940 to John C. Martin, born Apr. 17, 1916 in Plover, Wis. John came to Ill. in 1936, he entered the Army Dec. 27, 1942, and served in England and France as Technical Sergeant in Signal Corps and was discharged in December, 1945. He is now Supervisor of Installations with the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. in Kankakee, Ill. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Cathy Jo Martin	July 3, 1946
Sheila Ann Martin	May 6, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: ELOISE STOLLER MEECE

Was born in Gridley, Ill., Feb. 2, 1920; married in Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 11, 1945 to Clarno Meece, born at Bloomington, Ill., on July 28, 1905. Clarno is an Electrician at the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Yards in Bloomington, Ill. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Michail Lynn Meece	July 6, 1946
Chris Charles Meece	Oct. 5, 1954
Malinda Sue Meece	July 28, 1956

THE WILLIAM GRUSY FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: WILLIAM GRUSY

William Grusy, born Mar. 6, 1882 at Meadows, Ill., married Lena Stoller, at Chatsworth, Ill., Mar. 3, 1905. She was born May 28, 1881 at Forrest, Ill., the daughter of Gilgian and Elizebeth Meyer Stoller. William's occupation is farming. To this union twelve children were born, six boys and six girls.

SIXTH GENERATION:

Isaac Grusy	Dec. 27, 1905	
Loydia Grusy	Apr. 20, 1907	Jan. 10, 1908
Robert Grusy	Mar. 18, 1909	
Alpha Grusy	Feb. 23, 1911	
Hilda Grusy	Feb. 7, 1912	
Ollie Grusy	June 8, 1913	
Ira Grusy	Mar. 20, 1915	
Esther Grusy	July 2, 1917	
Elmer Grusy	Sept. 2, 1919	
William Grusy	July 13, 1921	
Viola Grusy	Oct. 15, 1922	
Virginia Grusy	Dec. 26, 1925	

SIXTH GENERATION: ISAAC GRUSY

ISAAC GRUSY, born Dec. 27, 1905 at Gridley, Ill., married Susie Blanten, on Mar. 29, 1928 at Washington, Penn. Isaac's occupation is farming.

SIXTH GENERATION: LOYDIA GRUSY

LYODIA GRUSY, was born Apr. 20, 1907 at Gridley, Ill., died Jan. 10, 1908. Intestinal flu was the cause of her death.

SIXTH GENERATION: ROBERT GRUSY

Born Mar. 18, 1909 at Gridley, Ill. Married Marthl Smith, Aug., 1933 at Fairbury, Ill. Marthl was killed in a car accident Apr. 3, 1941. He then entered the Service, May 11, 1942 in Chicago and served in World War II in the Air Force as Aerial Engineer at San Bernardino, Calif. He was discharged Oct. 8, 1945 as Corporal. He then married on Nov. 9, 1946 to Mary Doyle, in Washington, Ill. Robert's occupation now is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Bethé Grusy	Oct. 24, 1947
Robie Grusy	Aug. 23, 1949
Judie Grusy	Mar. 3, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: ALPHA GRUSY

Born Feb. 23, 1911 at Gridley, Ill., married on Nov. 28, 1940, to Marth Hartter, born Feb. 9, 1915 at Eureka, Ill. They are farming the Keith Lee farm north of Eureka. Alpha and Marth have one son:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Randy Grusy Nov. 5, 1951

SIXTH GENERATION: HILDA GRUSY FEHR

Born Feb. 7, 1912 at Gridley, Ill., married in Peoria, Ill., on June 3, 1931 to Lorange Fehr, born Nov. 11, 1904. Lorange is a farmer. They have no children.

SIXTH GENERATION: OLLIE GRUSY HENLINE

Was born June 8, 1913 at Briceton, Ohio, and she married Roy Henline, Oct. 19, 1941 at Eureka, Ill. Roy was born May 14, 1906 at Lexington, Ill. He is a blacksmith and welder.

SIXTH GENERATION: IRA GRUSY

IRA GRUSY was born at Briceton, Ohio, on Mar. 20, 1915. Ira enlisted in the Army Dec. 11, 1941. He was sent to Japan, Okinawa and Korea and he served in the Medical Department. Was discharged Jan. 4, 1946 as Sergeant. Ira is a County Highway Patrolman.

SIXTH GENERATION: ESTHER GRUSY STALTER

Born July 2, 1917 at Tipton, Ohio, she married Roy Stalter, Oct. 2, 1936 at Gridley, Ill. Roy was born Oct. 24, 1911 and his occupation is farming and dairying. The following children were born to this union:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Patricia Ann Stalter	Aug. 23, 1937
Margie Stalter	Jan. 25, 1942
Robert Stalter	Feb. 23, 1944
Hollie Stalter	Dec. 24, 1946
Billie Stalter	Nov. 6, 1948

SIXTH GENERATION: ELMER GRUSY

Born Sept. 2, 1919 at Paulding, Ohio, married Lucy Eubank on June 22, 1941 at St. Charles, Mo. Elmer is a car salesman and farmer. Born to this union are the following:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Timothy Grusy	Jan. 27, 1942
Stephen Grusy	Oct. 14, 1943
Rodney Grusy	Apr. 7, 1947

SIXTH GENERATION: WILLIAM GRUSY JR.

Was born July 13, 1921, at Briceton, Ohio. He married Hazel Staggs, Dec. 13, 1946 at San Rafael, Calif. William enlisted Sept. 3, 1942, as flight training at San Antonio, Texas, graduated Dec. 5, 1943, as 2nd Lt. He served in the East from July, 1944, in England, France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany, till Aug., 1945, and was awarded many medals, such as eight Oak Leaf Clusters. He was the first may flying a P-51 Mustang to confirm U. S. Army suspicion, that the Germans had blasted the flood gates of the big Schwamenaue Dam on the Roer river, flying only 50 feet above the ground and just clearing the tree tops, he flew his Mustang on the daring mission in blinding rain squalls, to bring back his visual findings, which not only saved many lives, but much damage to the U. S. Army. William flew alone because the hazardous conditions would allow little or no team work. He flew 82 combat missions in WORLD WAR II, served in Japan from Dec., 1946, till 1947. He was sent to Korea, May, 1952 and until Dec. 1952 he flew 100 combat missions. William was one of the first pilots to fly a jet plane to March Field, Calif. Since Jan., 1953 he has been stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas. His rating now is Major. William and Hazel have three children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Melody Ann Grusy, born Sept. 13, 1946 at Wright Patterson A B Hosp.
 Alexes Kay Grusy, born Jan. 9, 1950 at Wright Patterson A B Hcsp.
 William Alexander Grusy, Apr. 5, 1951 at Wright Patterson A B Hosp.
 Fairborn, Ohio.

SIXTH GENERATION: VIOLA GRUSY WHITE

Born Oct. 15, 1922 at Paulding, Ohio, married Thomas White, Mar. 17, 1944 at Eureka, Ill. Thomas was born May 28, 1921, at Danville, Ill. He served his country in the Air Force during World War II. After the war he was discharged with a rating as Staff Sergeant. He is now a feed salesman. Born to this union are the following children:

Susan White	Aug. 13, 1949
Thomas Charles White	May 12, 1951
Nancy White	Feb. 25, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: VIRGINIA GRUSY JARNAGAN

Was born Dec. 26, 1925 at Massassponax, Va. She married Harry Jarnagan on Dec. 24, 1946 in Peoria, Ill. Harry was born on July 19, 1926, at Canton, Ill. He entered the Armed Forces June 25, 1941 and served in World War II and in the Korean War, returned to the U. S. and was discharged Feb. 7, 1946 with rating as Major. Harry is chief Engineer in a Hotel. Virginia and Harry have one son.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Harry Jarnagan Jr.	Nov. 7, 1953
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THE MARY GRUSY FUNK FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: MARY GRUSY FUNK

Was born March 21, 1884, married on June 23, 1907 to Joseph Funk, born Aug. 24, 1884, a son of Henry and Rachel Rinkenberger Funk. They farmed on their farm south of Gridley, until May, 1947, when they retired and moved to Gridley, Ill. To this union eight children were born:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Rachel Funk	Aug. 21, 1908	Jan. 4, 1909
Leo Claude Funk	Jan. 30, 1910	
Ella Frieda Funk	Jan. 24, 1912	
Alwin Joseph Funk	Feb. 10, 1914	
Louise Violet Funk	Dec. 21, 1915	
William Grusy Funk—and		
Wilbert Rufus Funk (twins)	Nov. 24, 1918	
Silas Roy Funk	Aug. 31, 1920	

SIXTH GENERATION: RACHEL FUNK

Died at the age of four and one half months. Spasms were the cause of her death.

SIXTH GENERATION: LEO CLAUDE FUNK

Was born Jan. 30, 1910; married on Jan. 31, 1937 to Clara Oberlander, born May 12, 1909. Leo's occupation is farming. Born to this union the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Ross Allan Funk	Dec. 9, 1938
Donald Ray Funk, and	
Donna Kay Funk, (twins)	Sept. 5, 1941
Merle Dean Funk	Nov. 8, 1943
Roslyn Jean Funk	Feb. 2, 1951

SIXTH GENERATION: ELLA FUNK SCHLIPF

Was born Jan. 24, 1912; married on Feb. 19, 1945 to Emil Schlipf, born Feb. 14, 1899. Emil's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Enid Stephen Schlipf	May 31, 1947
Elma Lou Schlipf	Nov. 26, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: ALWIN FUNK

Was born Feb. 10, 1914; married on Jan. 25, 1947 to Alice Crout, born Jan. 21, 1918. They are farming on their farm south of Gridley. Alwin entered the Armed Forces July 14, 1942 and served in World War II for 39 months, 18 of them in England, France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium as Medical Technician. He was discharged Sept. 9, 1945 with rating as Sergeant. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Joseph William Funk	May 18, 1948
Mary Ann Funk	Dec. 18, 1951
Nancy Alice Funk	July 11, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: LOUISE FUNK WITZIG

Was born Dec. 21, 1915; married on June 25, 1939 to Sam Witzig, born Nov. 28, 1911. Sam's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Mary Alyce Witzig	May 26, 1941
Judith Elaine Witzig	Oct. 26, 1942
Janice Lcu Witzig, and	
Jerome Lee Witzig (twins)	Jan. 31, 1947
LaVone Sue Witzig	Aug. 9, 1950

SIXTH GENERATION: WILBERT FUNK

Born Nov. 24, 1918; married on Apr. 21, 1946 to Violet Gramm, born Nov. 25, 1920. Wilbert entered the service Dec. 13, 1941, at Ft. Sheridan. After receiving his Basic Training at Camp Grant, he served in several Camps until May, 1943, then he was sent to England where he served as Dental Technician for two years and three months. He was discharged at Camp Grant, Sept. 24, 1945. His occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Jane Dianne Funk	Feb. 1, 1947
Gail Elizabeth Funk	Nov. 4, 1948
Marion Joy Funk	Nov. 20, 1949
Glen Leroy Funk	Nov. 15, 1952
William Joseph Funk	Dec. 30, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: WILLIAM FUNK

Born Nov. 24, 1918; married on Feb. 1, 1948 to Verle Moser, born Feb. 2, 1924. William is a farmer and a dairyman. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Rachel Rose Funk	Nov. 27, 1949
Anthony Lee Funk	Mar. 27, 1952
Willa Jean Funk	May 10, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: SILAS ROY FUNK

Born Aug. 31, 1920; married on Feb. 21, 1954 to Bertha Pulfer, born Mar. 31, 1927. Roy entered the Armed Forces Aug. 14, 1944, and was discharged June 30, 1946. He attained the rank of T.4. Roy's occupation is trucking milk. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Randal Roy Funk	Mar. 16, 1955
Rhonda Jean Funk	Oct. 29, 1956

THE LENA GRUSY MEISS FAMILY**FIFTH GENERATION: LENA GRUSY MEISS**

Born near Meadows, Ill., Feb. 17, 1886; married on Mar. 11, 1906 to Peter Meiss, born Aug. 4, 1881, in Alsace-Lorraine, son of John and Caroline Bucher Meiss. They farmed until Sept., 1953, when they retired and moved to Gridley, Ill., into their new home built by their sons. Peter passed away May 3, 1957. Heart trouble was the cause of his death. To this union thirteen children were born:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Clarence Engelbert Meiss, born Feb. 26, 1907, died of pneumonia Jan. 31, 1910.

Emma Fanny Meiss	July 9, 1908
Elmer Roy Meiss	Mar. 19, 1910
Frances Sara Meiss	Nov. 5, 1911
Charles Chester Meiss	Jan. 5, 1914
Carolyn Lee Meiss	Sept. 4, 1915
Earl Edward Meiss	Aug. 2, 1917
Kenneth Leroy Meiss	Dec. 8, 1918
Viola Ruth Meiss	Oct. 3, 1920
Edwin Joseph Meiss	Mar. 21, 1922
Raymond John Meiss	Jan. 30, 1924
Alyce Rose Meiss	June 14, 1926
Floyd Reuben Meiss	May 8, 1928

SIXTH GENERATION: EMMA MEISS KROEGER

Was born July 9, 1908, at Gridley, Ill.; married at St. Louis, Mo., on June 25, 1938 to Theodore Kroeger of Hoffman, Ill., born Dec. 1, 1907. Theodore is a welder and carpenter by trade.

SIXTH GENERATION: ELMER ROY MEISS

Was born Mar. 19, 1910; married in Gridley, Ill., on Jan. 22, 1939, to Hulda Funk, born May 29, 1919. Elmer is a lumber dealer and contractor. Born to this union are the following children.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Beverly Lou Meiss	Feb. 13, 1940
Joyce Elaine Meiss	Jan. 17, 1941
Peter Lynn Meiss	Sept. 19, 1942
Christine Rae Meiss	Aug. 9, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: FRANCES SARA MEISS

Was born near Eureka, Ill., on Nov. 5, 1911; lives with her parents in Gridley, and is employed at Gorden's restaurant.

SIXTH GENERATION: CHARLES CHESTER MEISS

Born Jan. 5, 1914; married in Gridley, Ill., on Sept. 10, 1936 to Evelyn Hinshaw of Hudson, Ill., she was born Aug. 25, 1918. Charles is a supervisor at the Caterpillar Factory, Peoria, Ill. Born to this union were the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Connie Kay Meiss	May 10, 1937
Leland Gale Meiss	Aug. 1, 1938
Thomas Dale Meiss	July 15, 1941

SEVENTH GENERATION: CONNIE KAY MEISS FRIEDMAN

Was born May 10, 1937; married to Glenn L. Friedman of Fairbury, Ill.; on Nov. 25, 1956. Glenn is employed at the K. & S. Implement Co. of Fairbury.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Leland and Thomas are at home at present. Leland is employed at the Cities Service Station and Thomas is a sophomore in Gridley High school.

SIXTH GENERATION: CAROLYN LEA MEISS AESCHLEMAN

Born Sept. 4, 1915; married at Roanoke, Ill; Mar. 7, 1937 to Raymond Aeschleman, born Nov. 17, 1913. Raymond is a carpenter. Born to this union were the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Rodger Lee Aeschleman	Oct. 19, 1937
Stanley Ray Aeschleman	Jan. 10, 1946

SIXTH GENERATION: EARL EDWARD MEISS:

Born Aug. 2, 1917; married on May 11, 1941 to Edith Koehle born Sept. 25, 1921. Earl is a lumber dealer and contractor. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Sharon Lea Meiss	Feb. 13, 1942
Steven Earl Meiss	July 1, 1944
Robert Alan Meiss	Aug. 15, 1947
Jayne Diane Meiss	Aug. 15, 1951
Mark Andrew Meiss	Mar. 9, 1957

SIXTH GENERATION: KENNETH LEROY MEISS

Born Dec. 8, 1918; married on May 4, 1941 to Ethel Koehle, born July 2, 1920. Kenneth is a lumber dealer and contractor. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Gerald Kenneth Meiss	Nov. 5, 1946
James Louis Meiss	Feb. 6, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: VIOLA RUTH MEISS MCKINLEY

Born Oct. 3, 1920; married on Oct. 15, 1939, to Cletus McKinley, born Mar. 8, 1918. Cletus entered the Armed Forces Sept. 1942; he spent 14 weeks in basic training with combat Engineers, later he was transferred into the Air Corps, went through Aerial gunnery school, at Las Vegas, Nev. He was then sent to Great Bend, Kans., and from there to Alaska and spent 18 months at Fairbanks Army Air Base. He was discharged April, 1946, with the rank of Sergeant. Cletus is now employed at Caterpillar in Peoria. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Sandre Kay McKinley	May 10, 1951
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SIXTH GENERATION: EDWIN JOSEPH MEISS

Born Mar. 21, 1922. He enlisted in the Navy Nov. 5, 1942, and served in the Pacific area aboard LCI as signalman 2nd Class, he was discharged Jan. 19, 1946. On Feb. 18, 1951 he married Barbara A. Funk, born Jan. 5, 1924. Edwin is employed as a time study Engineer at Caterpillar Tractor Co., Decatur, Ill. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Timothy Jay Meiss

Aug. 31, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: RAYMOND JOHN MEISS

Was born Jan. 30, 1924, near Gridley, Ill. He lives with his parents.

SIXTH GENERATION: ALYCE ROSE MEISS GILMORE

Born June 14, 1926; married in Bloomington, Ill., Jan., 1946, to Donald Gilmore, born July 3, 1924. Donald's occupation is farming.

Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Richard Donold Gilmore Mar. 4, 1950

Dennis Scott Gilmore Oct. 19, 1951

SIXTH GENERATION: FLOYD REUBEN MEISS

Born May, 1928; was drafted into the Army on Jan. 20, 1954, and served the greater portion of his time at Fort Hood, Texas, as a radio operator. He was released from active duty on Oct. 20, 1955, with rank as Corporal. Married in Gridley, Ill. on Jan. 22, 1956 to Marjorie Stoller, born Sept. 14, 1936 near Eureka, Ill. Floyd is now farming at Gridley, Ill. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:Diane Lynn Meiss Mar. 7, 1957 - *mar. 9, 1957***FIFTH GENERATION: EMMA GRUSY**

Was born April 8, 1888. She stayed with her mother, and after the death of her mother she did house work and nursing. She is now retired and living in her own home in Gridley, Ill.

THE BERTHA GRUSY MEISS FAMILY**FIFTH GENERATION: BERTHA GRUSY MEISS**

Bertha Grusy born Mar. 14, 1890; married at Gridley, Ill. Mar. 7 1915 to Gust Meiss, born Aug. 13, 1885. Gust was the son of John and Caroline Bucher Meiss. They farmed west of Cissna Park until 1950 then they retired and moved to Hoopeston, Ill. To this union eight children were born.

SIXTH GENERATION:

Dorthy Meiss	June 6, 1916	
Harold Meiss	June 16, 1918	
Marguerite Meiss	Dec. 18, 1920	
Irene Meiss	Apr. 16, 1921	
Wm. Meiss	Feb. 20, 1923	Aug. 21, 1939
Edna Meiss	Jan. 23, 1925	
Verena Meiss	Apr. 13, 1927	
Roy Gussie Meiss	Ncv. 12, 1935	

SIXTH GENERATION: DOROTHY MEISS NORR

Born June 6, 1916; married on Aug. 16, 1936 to Robert Norr, born Oct. 20, 1908. Robert's occupation is salesman. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Robert Ann Norr	Jan. 8, 1940
David Albert Norr	Nov. 22, 1942
Kenneth Allen Noor	Mar. 13, 1947

SIXTH GENERATION: HAROLD EMIL MEISS

Was born June 16, 1918; married on Apr. 15, 1945 to Anna Marie Zeltwanger, born Oct. 14, 1919. Harold's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Ronald Earl Meiss	Sept. 2, 1946
Richard Dean Meiss	July 23, 1950
Carole Jean Meiss	Aug. 8, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: MARGUERITE ANN MEISS KIPFER

Was born Dec. 18, 1920; married on Sept. 2, 1945 to Martin Lewis Kipfer, born Dec. 4, 1908. Martin's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Mary Ann Kipfer	June 13, 1948
Ruth Elizabeth Kipfer	Feb. 14, 1949
Lois Irene Kipfer	Sept. 18, 1951
Elaine Kay Kipfer	Aug. 27, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: IRENE BERTHA MEISS RINKENBERGER

Was born Apr. 16, 1921; married on Oct. 29, 1939 to Joseph Philemon Rinkenberger, born Aug. 31, 1915. Joe's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Joan Irene Rinkenberger	Nov. 26, 1941
James William Rinkenberger	Apr. 28, 1943
Larry Jo Rinkenberger	Oct. 7, 1945
Jaye Allen Rinkenberger	Sept. 10, 1948
Leon Jerome Rinkenberger	Nov. 8, 1950
Byron Roy Rinkenberger	Oct. 21, 1954

SIXTH GENERATION: WILLIAM EMIL MEISS

Was born Feb. 20, 1923. Death called him at the age of 16 years, Cerebral hemorrhage was due to his death.

SIXTH GENERATION: EDNA MAE MEISS ZELTWANGER

Edna Meiss, born Jan. 23, 1925; married on Sept. 15, 1946 to Kenneth Robert Zeltwanger, born Nov. 7, 1923. Kenneth's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Dale William Zeltwanger	Sept. 4, 1950
Loren Kenneth Zeltwanger	Feb. 11, 1952
Rollyn Zeltwanger	Oct. 17, 1956

SIXTH GENERATION: VERENA EMMA MEISS KNAPP

Verena Meiss born Apr. 13, 1927; married on Dec. 21, 1947 to Ralph Edward Knapp, born Nov. 22, 1923. Ralph was a Sgt. in World War II and was discharged Nov., 1946. Ralph's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Stanley Ralph Knapp	Jan. 23, 1950
Mardel Kay Knapp	Apr. 2, 1952
Kevin Earl Knapp	Sept. 26, 1954

SIXTH GENERATION: ROY GUSSIE MEISS

At present is going to De Vry Technical Institute.

THE ALBERT GRUSY FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: ALBERT GRUSY

Born Sept. 13, 1892; married on Dec. 12, 1917 to Anna Blunier, born July 2, 1896, daughter of Peter and Leah Gerber Blunier. They farmed on the Grusy Homestead until Jan. 1, 1956, then they retired and moved to Gridley, Ill. To this union six children were born:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Eleanor Rose Grusy	Oct. 12, 1918	
Frances Louise Grusy	Nov. 21, 1919	April, 27, 1932
Albert Grusy Jr.	Dec. 4, 1924	
Norman Dale Grusy	Aug. 22, 1933	
John Kay Grusy	Aug. 9, 1936	
Gloria Ann Grusy	Sept. 28, 1940	

SIXTH GENERATION: ELEANOR ROSE GRUSY BAER

Born at Meadows, Ill., Oct. 12, 1918; married on Oct. 3, 1943 at Eureka, Ill., to Otto Baer, born April 30, 1918. Otto was inducted into the Armed Forces Dec. 10, 1941, and was discharged May 13, 1942. Otto's occupation is Gas and Heating Distributor and also farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Anna Marie Baer	July 6, 1944
Delores Mae Baer	Nov. 12, 1945
Linda Lou Baer	Aug. 31, 1947
George Albert Baer	Aug. 14, 1949
Edward Lee Baer	Mar. 31, 1952
Larry Dale Baer and	
Tarry Gale Baer (twins)	Aug. 31, 1953
Cynthia Sue Baer	Mar. 2, 1956
Norma Eleanor	Feb 14, 1957

SIXTH GENERATION: FRANCES LOUISE GRUSY

Born at Meadows, Ill., Nov. 21, 1919. Death called her Apr. 27, 1932, at the age of twelve. A ruptured appendix was the cause of her death.

SIXTH GENERATION: ALBERT GRUSY JR.

Born Dec. 4, 1924, at Meadows, Ill.; married on July 7, 1946, at Bloomington, Ill. to Lavidia Norris, born Aug. 14, 1929. Albert is a traveling salesman for F. Meyer & Bros. Co., Peoria, Ill. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Ronald Eugene Grusy	Apr. 7, 1947
Curtis Albert Grusy	Feb. 26, 1951
Anita Lynn Grusy	Aug. 8, 1955

SIXTH GENERATION: NORMAN DALE GRUSY

Born Aug. 22, 1933, at Meadows, Ill.; married on Nov. 13, 1955 in the Salem Mennonite church to Marilyn Joyce King, born Nov. 30, 1936, near Eureka, Ill. Norman entered the Armed Forces June 10, 1953 at Ft. Sheridan, after receiving his basic training at Camp Pickett, Va., he was sent to Korea where he served as Surgical Technician for 16 months. He was discharged at Fort Sheridan, April. 29, 1955. They are now farming the Grusy Homestead north of Meadows, Ill. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Norma Joyce Grusy	May 10, 1957
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SIXTH GENERATION: JOHN KAY GRUSY

Was born Aug. 9, 1936, at Meadows, Ill.; is staying home at present and is farming in partnership with Norman.

SIXTH GENERATION: GLORIA ANN GRUSY

Was born Sept. 28, 1940, at Meadows, Ill.; she is a junior in high school and is at home with her parents.

THE EMIL GRUSY FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: EMIL J. GRUSY

Emil Grusy born at Meadows, Ill. on Sept. 16, 1895; married Elizabeth Zimmerman, born Oct. 12, 1900 on June 6, 1923. She was the daughter of Joseph and Anna Steffen Zimmerman. Born to this union were five children:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Genevieve Grusy	Nov. 5, 1924
Kathleen Grusy	Nov. 8, 1930
Marilyn Grusy	Mar. 15, 1933
Franklin Grusy	Feb. 9, 1935
Burton Grusy	Jan. 4, 1939

Elizabeth died July 14, 1953. Cancer was the cause of her death. Emil married again on May 29, 1955 to Naomi Miller, born June 26, 1908 at Gridley, Ill. Emil's occupation is farming.

SIXTH GENERATION: GENEVIEVE GRUSY HENRICKS

Was born Nov. 5, 1924; married on Feb. 7, 1948 to Reid Henricks, born Mar. 3, 1927. Reid enlisted in the Navy July 20, 1942 and was discharged Dec. 18, 1945. When the Korean war broke out he was recalled again Oct. 7, 1950, and was discharged on Aug. 1, 1952, his rating was Q. M. first class. His occupation is salesman. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Tommy Henricks	June 8, 1953
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SIXTH GENERATION: KATHLEEN GRUSY KAUFMAN

Was born Nov. 8, 1930; married on April 29, 1949 to Rodger Kaufman, born Jan. 28, 1929. Rodger is a Kellogg Switch Board Installer. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Dianne Kaufman	Aug. 20, 1950
Debra Kaufman	Oct. 14, 1951
Elmer Kaufman	Oct. 31, 1953

SIXTH GENERATION: MARILYN GRUSY HANY

Was born Mar. 15, 1933; married on Aug. 14, 1953 to Robert Hany, born Nov. 23, 1932. Robert enlisted in the Air Force Dec. 28, 1951, he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was discharged Dec. 14, 1955. His occupation is Office Clerk at G. E. Plant in Bloomington. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Alfred Emil Hany	Sept. 30, 1955
Daniel Allen Hany	Jan. 10, 1957

SIXTH GENERATION: FRANKLIN GRUSY

Born Feb. 9, 1935, and Irma Sommer born, Aug. 1, 1935 were married on Jan. 8, 1956. Franklin's occupation is farming and live stock raising.

SIXTH GENERATION: BURTON GRUSY

Born Jan. 4, 1939; is a senior in high school and is at home at the present time.

THE LOUISE GRUSY GRAMM FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: LOUISE VERENA GRUSY GRAMM

Was born Oct. 11, 1899; married on Nov. 20, 1921 to George M. Gramm, born Dec. 9, 1896 at Gridley, Ill., son of ^{Chris &} Katherine Mangold Gramm. George's occupation was farming until June, 1955. They retired and moved to Gridley, Ill. To this union were born six children:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Marjorie Lucille Gramm	Apr. 20, 1923
Harold Christian Gramm	May 1, 1924
Robert Engelbert Gramm	Sept. 5, 1927
Herbert Raymond Gramm	Nov. 1, 1928
Donald George Gramm	June 9, 1935
Mildred Elaine Gramm	Sept. 21, 1937

SIXTH GENERATION: MARJORIE GRAMM WITZIG

Was born Apr. 20, 1923; married Oct. 21, 1945 to Elmer E. Witzig, born Aug. 29, 1918. Elmer entered the Armed Forces July 2, 1942, and served three years and five months. He was cook with the 320th Med. Bn. in the 95th Inf. Div. from its activation until it was deactivated on Oct. 15, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Saarlauten, Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. He returned to the States June 29, 1945 and was discharged at Ft. Custer, Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 2, 1945. Elmer's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Roger Emil Witzig	Dec. 7, 1947
Virginia Nell Witzig	Mar. 5, 1949
Curtis Elmer Witzig	May 9, 1953
Edith Mae Witzig	June 25, 1956

SIXTH GENERATION: HAROLD CHRISTIAN GRAMM

Born May 1, 1924; was married on Dec. 18, 1849 to Ila Jean Zeltwanger, born at Hancock, Minn., May 17, 1929. Harold's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Patricia Lou Gramm	May 11, 1952
Peggy Joan Gramm	Aug. 10, 1953
Gregory Michael Gram	Jan. 22, 1956

SIXTH GENERATION: ROBERT ENGELBERT GRAMM

Born Sept. 5, 1927; was married on June 12, 1955 to Nola Jean Schmidgall, born at Hancock, Minn., Nov. 17, 1931. Robert entered the Armed Forces July 9, 1951 at Ft. Sheridan was sent to Ft. Meade, Md. for his basic training, then to Ft. Sam Houston for 3 months Med. school. He then was stationed at Ft. Meade in the Prev. Med. Corps in the Lab. until he was discharged from the Army, July 9, 1953. Robert is now engaged in farming. Born of this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Barbara Kay Gramm	Apr. 20, 1956
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SIXTH GENERATION: HERBERT RAYMOND GRAMM

Born Nov. 1, 1928 and Clara Jane Ellenberger, born Aug. 8, 1930, were married Nov. 6, 1949. Herbert's occupation is farming. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Michael Lee Gramm	Aug. 29, 1950
James Robert Gramm	Dec. 15, 1951
Katherine Ann Gramm and	
Karen Jane Gramm (twins)	Dec. 8, 1952

SIXTH GENERATION: DONALD GRAMM

Born June 9, 1935; is home with his parents and is employed at Stoller Farm Supply Store at Chenoa, Ill.

SIXTH GENERATION: MILDRED GRAMM

Born Sept. 21, 1937; is at home with her parents at the present time.

THE JOHN GRUSY FAMILY

FOURTH GENERATION: JOHN GRUSY

John Grusy born June 1856; married Christina Haas born, June 1858. John died Mar. 11, 1917 and Christina died Mar. 5, 1935. Their occupation was farming. Born to this union were the following children:

FIFTH GENERATION:

Rosa Grusy	March 1886	
Pius Grusy	March 1887	Feb. 26, 1957
Sophie Grusy	June 1888	Nov. 16, 1937
Edward Grusy	1889	Apr. 20, 1953
Adelheid Grusy	1892	Nov. 10, 1910
Heinrich Grusy	July 15, 1895	May 27, 1956
Marie Grusy Ehrw Sister Adelaide	Nov. 16, 1901.	

THE ROSA GRUSY AUBER FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: ROSA GRUSY

Born March 1886; married on June 1911 to Alois Auber, from Mariazell. Alois died May 16, 1953, a stroke was the cause of his death. His occupation was farming. Born to this union the following children:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Johann Auber	1914
Martin Auber	1912
Paul Auber	June 1919
Marie Auber	1913
Sophie Auber	1916
Hilda Auber	1928

SIXTH GENERATION: JOHANN AUBER

Johann Auber born 1914; married 1945, wife's name not known. Johann is a carpenter, but he ruined his health in the war; he was a soldier from 1936 to 1945 and was wounded. They have two children.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Brigitte Auber	1946
Luitgard Auber	1949

SIXTH GENERATION: MARTIN AUBER

Martin Auber born Sept. 28, 1912; married Maria Flaig in 1938. Martin was a carpenter by trade. He was in the war in France, the last time they heard from him was in Aug. 1944 then he was declared missing, till in 1948 when France had released all prisoners of war, he was declared dead; nobody knows how he died, but it is believed he was blown to bits. They had one son, Walter, born 1939. He did not remember his father but it was his desire to follow his father's trade. He is a carpenter now.

SIXTH GENERATION: PAUL AUBER

Paul Auber born June 1919; married Klara Flaig in 1947. They have two children. Paul is a farmer, he was in the war from 1839 till 1945 and was wounded, he has a stiff knee and one kidney removed.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Renate Auber	1948
Lucia Auber	1953

SIXTH GENERATION: MARIA AUBER RIEDLINGER

Maria was born 1913; married 1937 to Johannes Riedlinger a farmer in Niedereschach. They have three children.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Helmut Riedlinger	March 1938
Thea Riedlinger	1941
Edwin Riedlinger	1943

SIXTH GENERATION: SOPHIE AUBER RIEDLINGER

Born 1916, took over the homestead and married William Riedlinger in 1945. They are farming in Mariazell; they have two children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Helga Riedlinger	1946
Ervin Riedlinger	1949

SIXTH GENERATION: HILDA AUBER GUNKEL

Born 1928; married Herman Gunkel, Nov. 26, 1955 in Dunnurgen. He has a government job.

THE PIUS GRUSY FAMILY**FIFTH GENERATION: PIUS GRUSY**

Born March 1887; married on Aug. 15, 1921 to Maria Hoch, born 1895. Pius was in the war in Russia. His occupation was farming. Pius passed away Feb. 24, 1957. Dropsy and heart trouble were the cause of his death. Born to this union were the following children:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Marie Grusy	1922
Johann Grusy	Nov. 23, 1923 - July 26, 1942
Sophie Grusy	1924
Frieda Grusy	1925
Anna Grusy	1928

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SIXTH GENERATION: MARIE GRUSY

Born 1922; married in 1946 to Hans Reitmeier. Hans occupation is Electrotechniker. Born to this union are the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Marie Luise Reitmeier	Apr. 23, 1948
Hansjurger Reitmeier	1953

SIXTH GENERATION: JOHANN GRUSY

Born Nov. 23, 1923; was the only son of Pius Grusy, he entered military service in Nov. 1941 and was killed in Russia July 26, 1942.

SIXTH GENERATION: SOPHIE GRUSY MOSBACHER

Born 1924; married on June 5, 1952 to Otto Mosbacher. Otto's occupation is farming. They have two children.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Marget Mosbacher	1953
Christa Sofie Mosbacher	1955

SIXTH GENERATION: FRIEDA GRUSY SCHULTZ

Born 1925; married on July 16, 1955 to Ulrich Schultz. Ulrich is a cabinet maker.

SIXTH GENERATION: ANNA GRUSY ZIMMERMAN

Born 1928; married on May 19, 1951 to Willie Zimmerman. Willie is a farmer. They have two children.

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Manfred Zimmerman 1952
Wolfgang Anton Zimmerman April. 3, 1956

FIFTH GENERATION: SOPHIE GRUSY

Born 1888, death called her when she was 49 years old, Nov. 16, 1937. A stroke was the cause of her death. She kept house for a priest from 1905 till 1935, when he died. She went home and took care of her mother. It always was her mother's wish that if she got sick she could have one of her daughters with her, and soon after Sophie came home her mother got the flu and died. So her wish was granted.

FIFTH GENERATION: EDWARD GRUSY

Born 1889; married in 1921 to Katharine Kafer. Edward was an Agriculture Inspector. They had no children. He was in the first world war in France. He died April 20, 1953. Cancer of the stomach caused his death.

FIFTH GENERATION: ADELHEID GRUSY

Born 1892; died at the age of 18, Menengitis caused her death.

FIFTH GENERATION: HEINRICH GRUSY

Born July 15, 1895; married in 1928 to Rosmarie Schlichte, born June 1900. Heinrich studied in the University in Munchen and he was a Veterinarian. Heinrich was an officer in the First World War from 1914 to 1918 in France and Macedonia. They had no children. Heinrich died May 27, 1956.

FIFTH GENERATION: MARIE GRUSY EHRW SISTER ADELAIDE

Born Nov. 16, 1901. Sister Adelaide came to U. S. in Oct. 1934. Marie was first in Cleveland, Ohio in Diocesan Retreat Home, now she is in St. Joseph Hospice in Louisville, Ohio. She studied in Loretto Hospital in Freiburg and St. Elisabeths Hospital in Heidelberg.

BERTHA GRUSY WEICHERT FAMILY

FOURTH GENERATION: BERTHA GRUSY WEICHERT

Born in Villingen, Germany Nov. 27, 1859; married Joseph Weichert, born Feb. 26, 1861. They came to U. S. and settled in Fairbury, Ill.; later they moved to Elgin, Ill. Joseph was a carpenter by trade. Joseph passed away Nov. 8, 1938, and Bertha passed away Nov. 11, 1918. Born to this union are the following children:

FIFTH GENERATION:

Albert Weichert
Pauline Weichert
Lena Weichert
Bertha Weichert
Mary Weichert
Anna Weichert

Oct. 28, 1886
Mar. 26, 1888
Nov. 27, 1890
Aug. 12, 1892
Oct. 13, 1896
Apr. 24, 1898

Aug. 25, 1954

Nov. 8, 1954

THE ALBERT WEICHERT FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: ALBERT WEICHERT

Born in Villingen, Germany, Oct. 28, 1886; married Minnie Wiekert, born in Dundee, Ill., Feb. 10, 1887. Albert worked in the Elgin watch factory. He passed away Aug. 25, 1954, a stroke was the cause of his death. Born to this union are the following children:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Harry Elmer Weichert	Jan. 16, 1913
Dorothy E. Weichert	Sept. 30, 1918

SIXTH GENERATION: HARRY ELMER WEICHERT

Born in Elgin, Ill., Jan. 16, 1913; married on Aug. 16, 1944 to Edith Eileen Marquis, born Nov. 24, 1914 at McLeansboro, Ill. Edith passed away April 4, 1954. They had no children. Harry's occupation is a commercial sign painter. He served in the U. S. Air Force from June 2, 1942 until Oct. 7, 1945. He was flight engineer, in the 14th Airforce in the China, Burma, India theatre of operations. He had 77 combat missions, won an Air Medal and was over seas 18 months. On Feb. 16, 1957, Harry married again to Betty Van Wambeck. Betty was an artist and was employed at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. She was born at Elgin, Ill., on Apr. 20, 1913.

SIXTH GENERATION: DOROTHY E. WEICHERT CHASE

Born in Elgin, Ill., Sept. 30, 1918; married July 3, 1942 to James E. Chase, born June 15, 1919 at Harrisburg, Ill. James entered the U. S. Army Aug. 26, 1941, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant June 26, 1942. Served in Normandy invasion and Battle of Northern France, wounded in action at St. Lo, France in 1944, placed on inactive status as a Major, March, 1946. His occupation is real estate broker. They have one daughter:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

Carole Ann Chase	Oct. 21, 1952
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FIFTH GENERATION: PAULINE WEICHERT

Born March 26, 1888; died at the age of 12 years. Death was caused by severe burns.

FIFTH GENERATION: LENA WEICHERT

Born Nov. 27, 1890 in Fairbury, Ill. Now living in Elgin, Ill., and is a seamstress by trade.

FIFTH GENERATION: BERTHA WEICHERT

Born Aug. 12, 1892 in Fairbury, Ill. Now at home in Elgin; is an Antique dealer.

FIFTH GENERATION: MARY WEICHERT

Born Oct. 16, 1896; now at home in Elgin and her occupation is watch maker.

THE ANNA WEICHERT LIEBIG FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION: ANNA WEICHERT LIEBIG

Born April 24, 1889; married Samuel Liebig, born March 17, 1891. Anna passed away Nov. 8, 1954. Samuel was employed at the Elgin Steel Kitchens in Elgin, Ill., until June 9, 1956 when he retired. Born to this union are the following children:

SIXTH GENERATION:

Mildred Lucille Liebig	Mar. 19, 1922
Helen Liebig	June 12, 1925

SIXTH GENERATION: MILDRED LUCILLE LIEBIG DIETRICH

Born at Elgin, Ill., Mar. 19, 1922; married on June 1, 1947 to Clarence A. Dietrich, born Sept. 10, 1920, at Dundee, Ill. Clarence is a Carpenter Contractor. Born to this union the following children:

SEVENTH GENERATION:

James Edward Dietrich	Apr. 5, 1948
August Lee Dietrich	Apr. 10, 1950
Kathryn Ann Dietrich	May 12, 1952
Carol Jean Dietrich	Dec. 11, 1954

SIXTH GENERATION: HELEN LIEBIG

Was born June 12, 1925. Helen is doing office work in a dairy and also is keeping house for her father.

Let your light shine for the Lord wherever you are.

P. P. Bliss, after listening to D. L. Moody tell the thrilling story of a shipwreck in the Cleveland harbor because the lower lights on the lighthouse were out, was inspired to write the words and music of this song when Mr. Moody said: Brethren, the Master will take care of the great lighthouse—let us keep the lower lights burning.

LET THE LOWER LIGHTS BE BURNING

P. P. Bliss

1. Brightly beams our Father's mercy
From His lighthouse evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.
2. Dark the night of sin has settled,
Loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching, longing,
For the lights along the shore.
3. Trim your feeble lamp, my brother;
Some poor sailor, tempest tossed,
Trying now to make the harbor,
In the darkness may be lost.

Chorus:

Let the lower lights be burning!
Send a gleam across the wave!
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman
You may rescue, you may save.

THE BROKEN FAMILY CIRCLE

One by one our loved ones leave us;
One by one they slip away
Down that dark and lonely valley
Which we, too, must walk some day.
We may long for their returning,
But our tears are all in vain,
For the family circle broken,
Ne'er on earth shall meet again.

If it's mother's face we're missing
'Twill be but a little while
'Till we see it over yonder
Lighted by a heavenly smile;
Or, if dad's no longer with us
We can say he's only gone
On ahead, to try the pathway
Which we soon must follow on.
And if childish feet have wandered
To the land of peace and love
Little flowers when they have faded,
Bloom again in Heaven above.

Some day we'll all be together
In that country over there,
Where there'll be no tears nor heartaches
No god-byes, no vacant chair.
Yes, some day we'll be together
On a fairer, brighter shore
And the circle, re-united
Will be broken nevermore.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

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